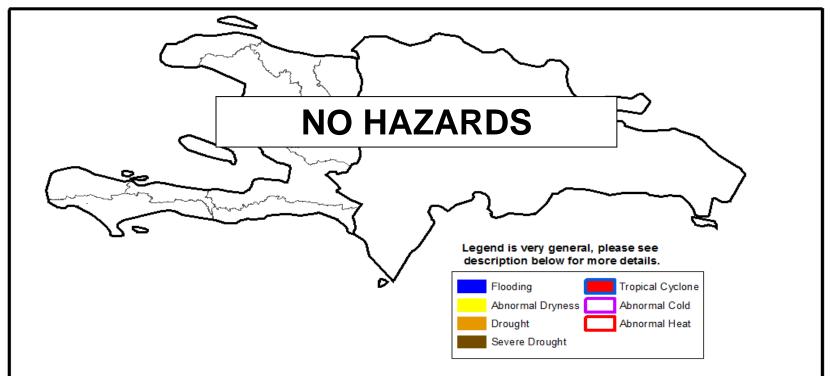


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook March 6 – March 12, 2014

A slight increase in rainfall was observed over Hispaniola during the past observation period.



During the last week, light to locally moderate rainfall was received throughout Hispaniola. The highest weekly rainfall accumulations (10-30mm) were observed in the lower Gulf of Gonaives region, which brought continued moisture into parts of the Ouest and Sud-Est departments of southern Haiti. Light rainfall was also received over the northern departments of Haiti, as well as throughout eastern parts of the Dominican Republic. The spatial distribution of precipitation during the last seven days matches well with that over the last 30 days. In February, satellite rainfall estimates depict positive rainfall anomalies over the Gulf of Gonaives region, extending into northern parts of the southern Haitian peninsula. Conversely, negative precipitation anomalies and moisture deficits exist throughout northern Hispaniola. Although Hispaniola climatologically observes a minimum in rainfall during this time of year, the anomalous dryness in the north follows several months of poor rainfall observed in the northern departments of Haiti. This may continue adversely impact ground and vegetation conditions. Precipitation forecasts suggest a slight increase in rainfall across the southern Hispaniola during early March. This increase is expected to provide beneficial ground moisture, however, little to no rainfall is expected for many anomalously dry areas further north.